

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, the claims pending in the subject application are 1-8, 10-15, 18-20, 23-25, 27-29, and 31-35. Reconsideration of this application based on the Amendments and Remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Restriction was required to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group	Claims	Description
I	1-9 and 18	powder slurry
II	10-13 and 23-37	method of making the powder slurry
III	14-17 and 19-22	shaped part

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9 and 18, with traverse subject to the Rejoinder provisions of MPEP 821.04. Claims 10-13 and 23-37 of Group II are a method of making the powder slurry, and they are subject to rejoinder.

In Group III, claims 14-15 and 19-20 are composition claims that further limit the powder slurry composition of claim 1. Because these are composition claims that depend from the composition of claim 1, they should be included in Group I. Claims 16, 17, 21, and 22 are article claims, and these claims have been canceled.

OBJECTIONS

The editing marks, [sic] and [lacuna], have been deleted throughout the specification, errors with the epoxy groups have been corrected, and the bond has been added before $-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$.

35 U.S.C. §112 REJECTIONS

Claims 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 5-7 recite which materials in the composition are thermally curable and which are curable with actinic radiation. The terms "emulsion" and "dispersion" are generic to either type, oil-in-water or water-in-oil. There is no requirement that they be one type rather than the other, just that they are an emulsion or a dispersion. Because the terms can be applied to either condition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5-7 are not indefinite.

35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,379,947 to Williams et al. The subject matter from claim 9 has been added to claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3, 5-8, and 18 are not anticipated and are patentable over United States Patent No. 5,379,947 to Williams et al.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,714,264 to Sacharski et al. The subject matter from claim 9 has been added to claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 18 are not anticipated and are patentable over United States Patent No. 5,714,264 to Sacharski et al.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over EP0033896. The subject matter from claim 9 has been added to claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3, 5-8, and 18 are not anticipated and are patentable over EP0033896.

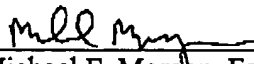
Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(c) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,981,653 to Wilmes et al. The subject matter from claim 9 has been added to claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3, 5-8, and 18 are not anticipated and are patentable over United States Patent No. 5,981,653 to Wilmes et al.

Claims 1, 2, 9, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,232,359 to Christian et al. The viscosity profile from page 51, lines 1-4 has been added to claim 1. There is no disclosure or suggestion of this viscosity profile in Christian '359. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 9, and 18 are not anticipated by and are patentable over United States Patent No. 6,232,359 to Christian et al.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,444,954 to Mels et al. The subject matter from claim 9 has been added to claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4, and 18 are not anticipated and are patentable over United States Patent No. 4,444,954 to Mels et al.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the 35 USC §102, §103, and §112 rejections, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 1-8, 10-15, 18-20, 23-25, 27-29, and 31-35. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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